

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the thorough consideration given the present application. Claims 4 and 6-28 are currently being prosecuted. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider his rejections in view of the amendments and remarks as set forth below.

Entry of Amendment

It is respectfully requested that the present Amendment should be entered in the official file in view of the fact that the amendments to the claims automatically place the application in condition for allowance. In particular, the Examiner has indicated that claims 5, 9 and 10 would be allowable if rewritten into independent form. Since claim 4 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 5, and claims 9 and 10 have been rewritten in independent form, Applicants submit that all of the claims are now allowable.

Dependent claims 17-28 have been added which duplicate claims 6-8, 11, 12, and 14-16, but which depend from claims 9 and 10.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 4, 6-8, 11, 12 and 14-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being obvious over Jaing et al. (U.S. Pat. Pub. 2001/0030789) in view of Deane (U.S. Patent 6,497,518). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

By way of the present Amendment, Applicants have rewritten claim 4 to include the limitations of claim 5 which has been indicated as being allowable. Accordingly, Applicants submit that claim 4 as well as dependent claims 6-8, 11, 12 and 14-28 are allowable, as indicated by the Examiner. Accordingly, this rejection is overcome.

Claim for Priority

Applicants note that the Examiner has acknowledged the claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119, but has indicated that the certified copies have not been received. Applicants point out that the present application is a Continuation of prior Application 10/200,185 filed on July 23, 2002. The certified copy of Taiwan Application No. 091105834 filed on March 26, 2002 was submitted at the time of filing the parent application. A copy of the claim for priority letter and a copy of the front sheet of the certified copy was submitted with the application papers in the present application. In view of this, Applicants submits that the Examiner should have indicated in Section 12 of the Office Action Summary that all of the certified copies have been received in Application 10/200,185. The Examiner is requested to acknowledge the receipt of the prior art documents in the next Action.

Conclusion

In view of the above remarks, it is believed that the claims are now allowable as indicated by the Examiner. In view of this, reconsideration of the rejection and allowance of all of the claims is respectfully requested.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Robert F. Gnuse (Reg. No.27,295) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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